

Innovative Construction Techniques Pre-Application, Consolidated RFP TA Kickoff Reminder and Other Multifamily News

Please see below for the latest round-up of Consolidated Request for Proposals information and updates including the Innovative Construction Techniques pre-application as well as other Multifamily related news.

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2021 Multifamily Consolidated Request for Proposals/2022 Housing Tax Credits Round 1 Application Dates

The expected dates for the 2021 Multifamily Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP)/2022 Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Round 1 are listed below.

- **Thursday, February 11:** Pre-application released for Innovative Construction Techniques
- **Mid-March:** Early release of key Consolidated RFP application materials and Section 811 PRA pre-application (Section 811 PRA pre-application release is contingent on a final award agreement between Minnesota Housing and HUD.)
- **Wednesday, April 14 at noon:** Pre-application for Innovative Construction Techniques due
- **Wednesday, April 14:** Consolidated RFP published and Intent to Apply and application materials available in the Multifamily Customer Portal
- **Thursday, May 20 at noon:** Intent to Apply deadline
- **Thursday, May 20 at noon:** Section 811 PRA Program pre-application due
- **Thursday, June 10:** Applicants will be notified of Section 811 PRA Program eligibility
- **Thursday, July 15 at noon:** Multifamily application deadline including site control, qualification forms, and financials.
- **December:** Minnesota Housing Board meeting

Stay up to date on 2021 RFP/2022 Housing Tax Credits Round 1 news and updates by signing up for our eNews list.

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Innovative Construction Techniques Pre-application

New to this year's Multifamily Consolidated RFP, Minnesota Housing is offering a selection preference for projects that will use Innovative Construction Techniques (ICT). To be eligible for this selection preference, a pre-application is **required** for projects that will achieve or will pilot a technique to achieve one or both of the following goals:

- reduce total construction cost by at least 10%, and/or
- reduce the time a project is under construction by at least 20%.

Please refer to the [2022-2023 Self-Scoring Worksheet](#) and the [Innovative Construction Techniques Pre-application Requirements](#) for additional details on how the preference will be used to evaluate different project proposal types that apply in the Multifamily Consolidated RFP, and in accordance with the [2022-2023 Qualified Allocation Plan](#) and the Consolidated RFP Application Instructions.

Pre-Application Submission Deadline and Instructions

ICT pre-applications are due by **12:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, April 14**. Minnesota Housing will review pre-applications and inform applicants whether their proposed ICT is approved for the ICT preference no later than **Wednesday, May 12**.

Please submit the required items listed in the [Innovative Construction Techniques Pre-application Requirements](#) to mhfa.app@state.mn.us via the [Multifamily Secure Upload Tool](#). Please review the [Secure Upload Tool Instructions](#) for more information about the submission process.

For questions about ICT, please contact Mike Thomas, Staff Architect at mike.thomas@state.mn.us or 651.276.1170.

You're Invited: 2021 Multifamily Consolidated RFP and Technical Assistance Kickoff on Wednesday, March 3

In preparation for the 2021 Request for Proposals (RFP)/2022 Housing Tax Credits (HTC) Round 1, you're invited to a Consolidated RFP and Technical Assistance (TA) Kickoff event on **Wednesday, March 3**.

We will share new information about the 2021 RFP/2022 HTC Round 1, including updates on funding and resource requirements, scoring requirements, and guidance on how to submit a competitive application. Whether you are new to the RFP or have applied previously, the Consolidated RFP and TA Kickoff will be informative.

[Learn more and register](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities for the Scoring Wizard and the New Self-Scoring Worksheet
Scoring Wizard

We are excited to announce a new Scoring Wizard for the [Self-Scoring Worksheet](#) that all applicants will use for scoring their application to the 2021 Consolidated RFP. The Scoring Wizard is a new tool within the Multifamily Customer Portal that will replace the Excel version of the Self-Scoring Worksheet. In addition to a live demo at the March 3 TA Kickoff, Minnesota Housing will be hosting two live training opportunities.

- Thursday, April 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m. - [Register Now](#)
- Monday, April 26, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - [Register Now](#)

2022-2023 Self-Scoring Worksheet

Minnesota Housing is committed to providing training on the new 2022-2023 Self-Scoring Worksheet. In addition to one-on-one, project-specific technical assistance, two live training opportunities will be hosted to provide an in-depth look at the scoring and supporting documentation requirements.

- Monday, April 12, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - [Register Now](#)
- Monday, May 3, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - [Register Now](#)

All trainings will be recorded and posted on our [website](#).

New Technical Assistance Request Form

Minnesota Housing recently rolled out a new Technical Assistance Request form for the Consolidated RFP! If you would like technical assistance, please fill out and submit our [Technical Assistance Request Form](#) and you will be connected with a staff person who can discuss specifics about your proposal and answer your questions. Due to the anticipated high volume of requests for technical assistance, please complete the form as thoroughly as possible.

Questions about the Consolidated RFP/HTC Round 1?

- Systems Questions: Email mhfa.app@state.mn.us
- All Other Questions: Complete and submit the [Technical Assistance Request Form](#)

Supportive Housing Engagement Session with Service Providers

What does it mean when you agree to be a service provider for supportive housing units?

When: Wednesday, March 10, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Supportive housing service providers are invited to attend an engagement session with Minnesota Housing staff to talk about what it means to be a service provider for supportive housing units. This session will cover the following:

- Expectations and requirements for supportive housing in the Multifamily Consolidated RFP application for capital funding
- Closing due diligence process
- Supportive housing standards
- Project performance and tenant outcomes

This will be an interactive session and we want your feedback and questions about supportive housing! While this session is primarily for supportive housing service providers, developers, owners and property managers are also welcome to attend.

[Register for the engagement session](#)

REMINDER: 2021 Housing Tax Credit Program Round 2 Due Dates

Minnesota Housing is now accepting applications for Round 2 of the 2021 Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Program. We anticipate approximately \$1,119,000 in credits will be available, including \$88,892 of credits set aside for Rural Development (RD) deals. The RD set-aside is carried forward to Round 2, and if there are no eligible applications, the housing tax credits will be available to other projects.

Supplemental Priority in Round 2

Projects that have previously received HTCs from Minnesota Housing or a Suballocator and have an annual HTC shortfall of at least 5 percent, but not more than 33.33 percent of the total qualified annual HTC amount, subject to Minnesota Housing approval, will have priority over other applicants in Round 2 and under the Waiting List. If more than one project qualifies under the supplemental priority, the Agency will evaluate and rank eligible requests according to points claimed in the Self-Scoring Worksheet.

Important Dates

Friday, February 12, 2021 by noon CST: the following items are due:

- Intent to Apply which includes Site Control - submit via the [Multifamily Customer Portal](#)
- Fee Remittance Form, including supporting documentation - submit via the [Multifamily Customer Portal](#)
- Qualification forms and financial information - submit via the [Multifamily Secure Upload Tool](#) using the mhfa.app@state.mn.us email address

Friday, February 26, 2021 by noon CST: applications are due in the [Multifamily Customer Portal](#).

Refer to the [Multifamily Application Instructions](#) for details on how to apply.

Questions? Visit the [Housing Tax Credits webpage](#) or contact [Nicola Viana](#) at 612.296.8277.

Shopping for a First Mortgage or Thinking about Refinancing?

Minnesota Housing wants to work with you for all your multifamily first mortgage needs! Our Low and Moderate Income Rental (LMIR) first mortgages have terms up to 40 years for new construction or 35 years for rehab or refinance. Our first mortgages are available year-round.

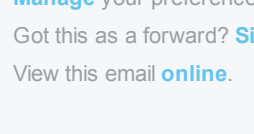
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Contact [Caryn Polito](#) to get started.



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